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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KOROPATNICK et al.

Examiner: J. Epps

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Art Unit: 1635

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Official Action dated April 16, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire July 16, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. Please amend the application as follows.